

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

BERNASCONI ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: TO BE ASSIGNED

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FOR: NEW USE OF LIGANDS TO GABA<sub>B</sub> RECEPTORS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please insert the following as the first paragraph beneath the title on page 1:

→ This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/02605, filed March 23,

2000, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.→

**In the Claims:**

**Please amend claim 7 as follows:**

A2 7. (Amended) The use according to claim 1 for increasing NGF and BDNF.

**Please add the following claims:**

--12. The use according to claim 2 for increasing NGF and BDNF.--

A3 --13. The use according to claim 3 for increasing NGF and BDNF.--

Um.t --14. The use according to claim 4 for increasing NGF and BDNF.--

--15. The use according to claim 5 for increasing NGF and BDNF.--